

In the interview, the undersigned took the position that there are not two separate indicia of tampering in the '492, as the solvent in the first coating layer of the '492 patent merely cooperates with the color former and color developer to form a visible image, as described at the bottom of column 6 of the '492 patent. The undersigned's position is that this does not satisfy the language of the independent claims of the present invention. As further belief that the combination of coatings in the '492 patent cooperate to produce a single (rather than dual) indicia of tampering, the Applicants stressed that the solvent used in the '492 patent is insufficient to, on its own, provide the necessary indicia. First, contains alkyls and related alcohols that do not get absorbed into the fibers of the security document's paper, and as such cannot show evidence of the telltale distortion or related disfiguring of the paper that would indicate tampering. Second, as a solvent, it dissipates over time when exposed to air, thereby providing evidence (if at all), only for a short time.

In response, the Examiner maintained that the presence of the solvent produced on the paper in the '492 patent is evidence of a second indicia of tampering that is different from that produced of the combined color former and color developer.

The undersigned then pointed out that the present invention includes all of the ingredients needed to produce the different notorious indicia from each of the security coatings on a single layer of substrate, something that the '492 patent clearly avoids, as shown by its FIG. 6. The undersigned suggested to the Examiner that a claim recitation indicating that numerous coatings layered onto one another onto a single substrate would overcome the teaching of the '492 patent. The Examiner agreed that such a feature, if included in the independent claims, would distinguish over the '492 patent. Based on this exchange, the undersigned amended claims 1, 33 and 43 to recite this distinction in a response sent via facsimile on August 14, 2006.

The undersigned believes this to be a complete summary of the telephone interview conducted on August 14, 2006. If the Examiner is of the belief that this statement is incomplete or erroneous in any way, he may contact the undersigned to resolve any purported discrepancies.

Respectfully submitted,
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